## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1.    (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A digital attendant useful in association with at least one netphone, a voicemail device and a local area network, ~~at least one computer, the apparatus~~ the digital attendant comprising:

a local area network interface configured to be coupled, via the local area network, to the at least one netphone and the voicemail device;

a telephony interface for coupling the at least one netphone to an external telephone system, and wherein the at least one netphone includes a netphone directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the digital attendant and the voicemail device, and wherein the voicemail device includes a voicemail directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the digital attendant and the at least one netphone; and

an attendant directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the netphone and the voicemail device.

~~a network interface for coupling the at least one computer to an external computer network; and~~

~~a local area network for interconnecting the at least one netphone, the at least one computer, the telephony interface and the network interface.~~

2.    (Currently Amended) The digital attendant ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein the telephony ~~network~~ interface is wireless.

3.    (Currently Amended) The digital attendant ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein the telephony ~~network~~ interface is based on a dial-up modem protocol.

4.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~telephony network~~ interface is based on a cable modem protocol.

5.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~telephony network~~ interface is based on an ISDN protocol.

6.      (Currently Amended) The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~telephony network~~ interface is based on an xDSL protocol.

7.      (Currently Amended) The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~telephony network~~ interface is based on ~~a VPN~~ ~~an Ethernet~~ protocol.

8.      (Currently Amended) The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~external computer network is an Internet.~~ telephony interface is based on TCP/IP protocol.

9.      (Currently Amended)  The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PSTN telephone system.

10.     (Currently Amended)  The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PBX telephone system.

11.     (Currently Amended)  The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein the local area network is based on an Ethernet protocol.

12.     (Currently Amended) The ~~digital attendant~~ apparatus of claim 1 where the local area network is wireless.

13.     (New)  The digital attendant of claim 1 where the netphone is coupled to an external device.

14.     (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a USB device.

15.     (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a facsimile device.

16.     (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a video input device.

17.     (New) The digital attendant of claim 13 where the external device is a video output device.